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Navigating The Mentoring Connection



A Guide for the Program Coordinator

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The Mentoring Connection Intro

What is The Mentoring Connection?

The Mentoring Connection (TMC) is an innovative webbased program designed to help manage the logistics of the mentoring program and partnerships. **TMC** offers participants an opportunity to:

- Apply to the mentoring program on-line.
- Keep track of upcoming mentoring activities and training events.
- Suggest potential mentoring matches and much, much more!

How to join The Mentoring Connection?

To apply to the program, employees will need to complete a User Profile and an Application Form. To connect to **TMC**, please follow the instructions below:

Simply go to http://www.mentoringconnection.com

The first screen provides a brief introduction to **The Mentoring Connection** and offers you an opportunity to
Sign-Up on line. Click on the **"Sign-Up Here"** button
located under **"Member Login"** and enter your Group ID:

New member login: Sign-Up Here.

Once you have entered a Group ID click **"Submit"** and complete your User Profile. Be sure to remember both your User ID and Password as you will use them to access the system in the future.

The next screen is the Application Notification. Click "OK" and respond to the questions to the best of your ability. Once you have completed the form, click "I'm Done."

The following pages have additional instructions and screen shots for navigating **The Mentoring Connection**.

Home

This page brings you to the Home page.

Welcome to The Mentoring Connection

Hello, Jennifer Cunningham!

From the "Home" drop down, click "Home."

Contact Us

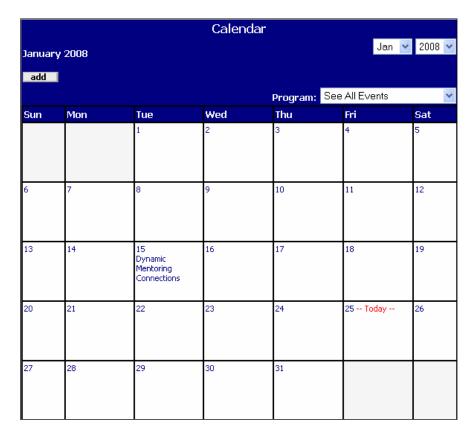
The Contact Us page lists out all of the Program Coordinator(s), their email addresses and phone numbers.



From the "Home" drop down, click "Contact Us."

Calendar

Program
Coordinator(s) use
the calendar to
convey event
information and
deadlines to
mentoring program
participants.
Upcoming events
than appear on the
scrolling display on
the home page of
all participants.

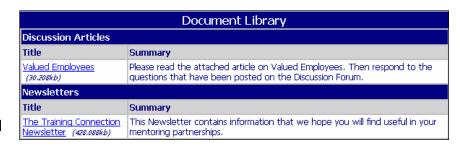


From the "Home" drop down, click "Calendar."

Click "Add" to create an event for your participants' calendar. Enter in the relevant information and click "Save."

Library

The Library is a compilation of various resources that have been selected by the Program Coordinator(s) and the Consultant to better assist the partnerships in their mentoring relationships and activities.



From the "Home" drop down, click "Library."

Discussion Forum

This feature is a threaded discussion open to all participants in the mentoring program. Anyone can start a discussion or contribute to an ongoing discussion.



From the "Home" drop-down, click "Discussion Forum."

Notice – The default notification setting is set so that an email will automatically be sent when something new is posted. If you do not want to be notified, uncheck the top check-box under "Email Notifications" (as seen above). You can click the box next to a specific topic to be notified when something new is posted to that topic only.

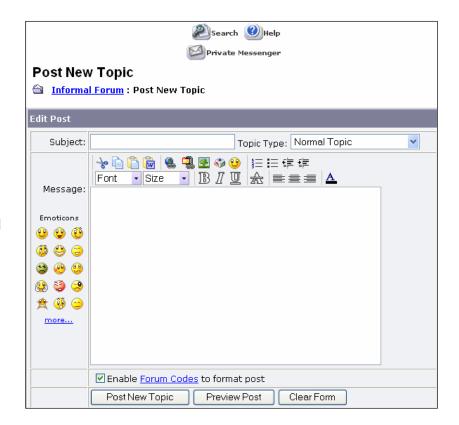


When a new post has been added to the discussion forum, a notice will appear on your homepage when you first log on to TMC. Click "New Discussion Forum Posting" in the upper right hand corner of your screen and it will send you directly to the discussion forum and the new posting.

Discussion Forum — Posting a New Thread

By posting a new thread onto the Discussion Forum, you can share your thoughts and experiences with your fellow program participants.

The Program
Coordinator(s) may
find this a useful tool
to keep their
participants engaged
and thinking about
their mentoring
partnership. You
can ask thoughtprovoking questions
and create polls to
get feedback from
your participants.



Click on "New Topic" on the main Discussion Forum page and you will be brought to this page. After you enter in a Subject and a Message, you can either "Post New Topic" or "Preview Post" which will allow you to preview your thread before you post it.

For **Topic Type**, you can choose which forum to post on. A **Sticky Topic** will remain the first post on the Discussion Forum regardless if there are any posts after it.

You may also go back to any threads you have posted and edit or delete them as necessary.

Program Coordinator(s) have the ability to go into any post/reply and **Edit, Delete,** or **Hide** topics. This is useful if there is an inappropriate topic or reply on the discussion forum that needs to be removed.

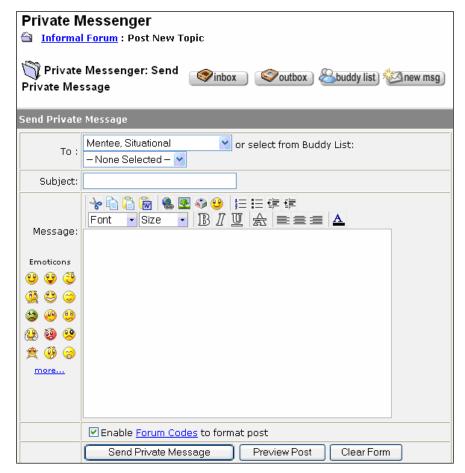
Discussion Forum – Private Messenger

The private messenger feature allows the participants to stay in contact with their mentoring partner. Commonly referred to as an electronic message board, the private messenger function allows the partnership to send personal messages to each other and keep track of ongoing discussions.

This is also a great way to privately respond to something another participant has posted on the Discussion Forum.



From the main Discussion Forum page, click on **Private Messenger** at the top of the page.



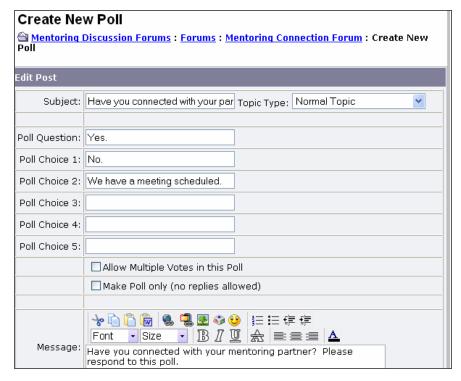
From this page, you can create a **new msg**, check your **inbox** and **outbox**, and create a **buddy list**. When you receive a new message, you will receive a notification on your home page. Note: this message will only go to the selected participant.

Discussion Forum – Creating a Poll

The polling feature offers the Program Coordinator(s) an avenue to poll participants on anything from the status of their Mentoring Agreement to topics on future mentoring forums.



From the main Discussion Forum page, click on "New Poll" at the top-right of the page.



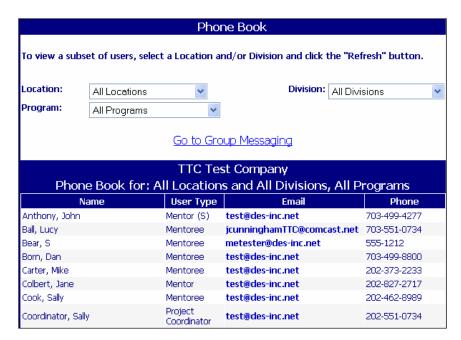
Input the **"Subject"** (or question) as well as the response options. You can choose to allow multiple votes on the poll or make it a poll only, meaning the participants cannot post replies like they can on the Discussion Forum topics.

In the **Message** section, write one or two sentences about the poll and the requested action. This is the portion of the poll that gets sent to the participants via email. They must login to TMC to respond to the poll.

Phone Book

The phone book feature provides quick and easy access to the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of all participants in your program. This feature is accessible to all users and Program Coordinator(s).

The phone book also identifies
Situational Mentors.
Situational mentors are the right help at the right time and are usually available to help solve a quick problem, uncover a hidden talent or learn a new skill.



From the "Home" drop down, click "Phone Book."

To view a subset of users, select a Location and/or Division and click the **"Refresh"** button.

To locate a situational mentor, look for mentors who have an **(S)** in parenthesis next to his/her name.

Please note: The availability of the group messaging feature depends on the program.

Best Practices

The Best Practices provides a suggested timeline and activities to help get you and your mentoring partner off on the right foot and keep the momentum going.

Building Successful Mentoring Relationships

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Your First Mentoring Meeting – Establishing a Partnership

The first mentoring meeting is critical. It is important at the very beginning of the mentoring process to get to know each other and clarify your overall mentoring goals. The end result of this conversation will be a mentoring agreement.

Step 1 - Get Acquainted

- Find the commonalities. Number of years in the industry, have you both worked for the same
- organization, similar career paths, common skills, etc.

 Look for uniqueness. Share what specialized knowledge you bring to the partnership, do you speak a foreign language, bring past military experience, etc.

 Explore hobbies.Do you have a hobby? What do you do when you are not working?
- . How similar/different are your DISC behavioral styles? What are the benefits of being matched with someone who is a different behavioral style? A similar style?

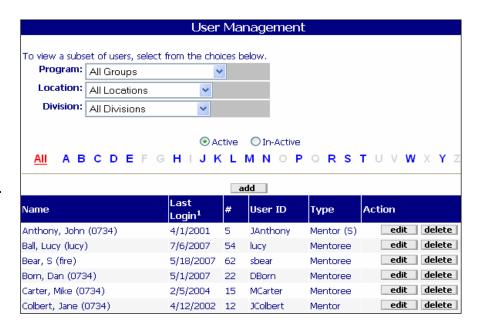
Step 2 - Discuss Your Overall Mentoring Goals

From the "Home" drop down, click "Best Practices."

User Mgmt

The User
Management
feature gives the
Program
Coordinator(s) an
opportunity to edit
participant profiles,
track user activity
and find lost User
IDs and Passwords.

The Program
Coordinator(s) can
also Add, Activate
or De-activate a
participant through
the User
Management page.



From the "User Mgmt" drop down, click "User Mgmt."

To **"View"** a subset of users select a location, program or division (this may vary depending on the organization). You can also **"View"** active and inactive participants by clicking the appropriate radio button.

To "View" all active participants in the program on one continuous page select "All." To narrow your search click on the letter in the alphabet at the top of the page that corresponds with the participant's last name.

To **"Edit"** a profile click the **"Edit"** button under Action.

To "**Delete**" a user click the "**Delete**" button under Action. (Deleting a participant is not recommended. It is better to make them inactive so you can retrieve the information later if needed.)

To "Activate" or "Deactivate" a user click the "Edit" button under Action. Find "status" and change the drop down. (Remember to save when you are finished.)

Passwords can be found in parentheses next to the user's name.

Form Mgmt

The Form
Management
feature allows the
Program
Coordinator(s) to
view different
forms, such as the
application form,
mid-point
evaluation form,
etc.



From the "User Mgmt" drop down, click "Form Mgmt."

To view the forms click on "Edit Questions."

Please note, if you would like to edit a question contact your consultant.

Program Mgmt

The Program
Management page
shows the status of
the program (what
forms are available
to the participants)



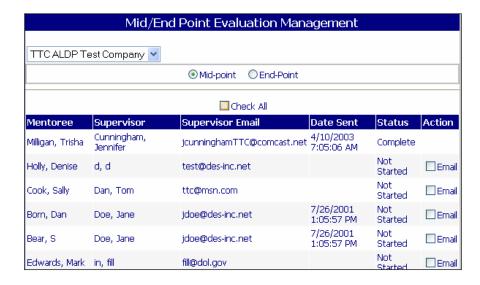
From the "User Mgmt" drop down, click "Program Mgmt." Rest your cursor on top of each link to find out more about each available form.

Click the **"Edit"** button to change the availability of the forms to the participants. Click **"Save"** to go back to Program Management.



Eval Mgmt

The Evaluation
Management page
shows if an
evaluation is open
to be sent to
supervisors



From the "User Mgmt" drop down, click "Eval Mgmt." (You will want to choose either the Mid-point or End-Point evaluation by clicking on the corresponding radio key.)

This page tells you whether or not supervisors have been emailed regarding the evaluation for their employees. There is an option to **"Check All"** which will allow the user to send an email to all supervisors that have yet to complete the evaluation.

The status column lets you know whether or not the evaluation has been started or completed.

My Profile

The My Profile page allows Program Coordinator(s) to view/edit their profile.

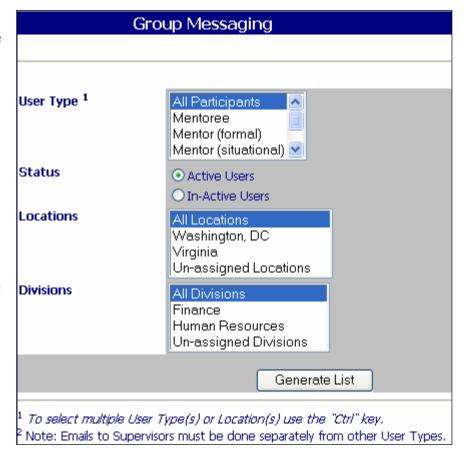


From the "My Profile" drop down, click "My Profile."

To **"Edit"** Your User Profile, click the **"Edit"** button in the upper right hand corner. (Remember to save the information once you have made changes.)

Messaging – Generating the List

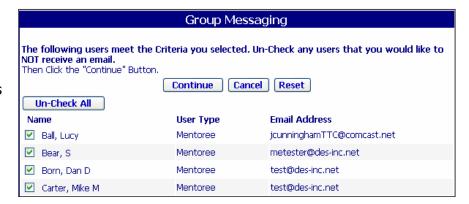
The Messaging feature is accessible by the Program Coordinator(s). It enables you to send group e-mails to all participants in your program, mentors only, mentorees only, participants within a specific location, etc. This is a powerful tool to maintain clear and timely communication with your mentoring program participants.



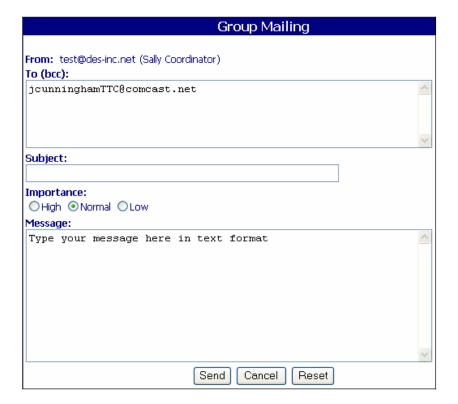
From the "My Profile" drop down, click "Messaging."
After you have defined your desired search, click "Generate List" and all participants that fit your criteria will appear on the next page.

Messaging – Sending the Message

The Group
Messaging feature
allows the Program
Coordinator(s) to
select the recipients
and customize the
message.

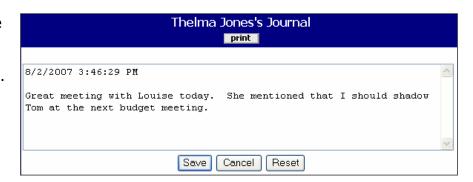


After double-checking those you wish to send an email to, select "Continue" and you will be brought to the page where you may write your desired message. Click "Send" when you are ready to send your message.



Journal

The Journal feature is a log for notes specific to the mentoring program. Mentors and mentorees can record personal thoughts, observations, questions, agendas for meetings, insights gained from mentoring meetings or developmental activities, etc.



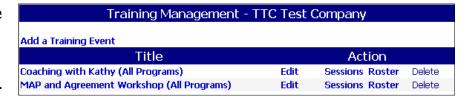
From the "My Profile" drop down, click "Journal."

Be sure to click save when you are finished.

To print, simply click **"Print"** at the top of the page.

Training – Setting up an Event

The training feature allows you to schedule upcoming trainings for the mentoring program.



Rest your cursor over **My Profile**, and select **Training**. Here you will be able to view the available trainings for your program. To add a training session, click on **Add a Training Event**.



Enter the relevant information for the training. **Single vs. Joint** refers to whether you would like the mentoring partners to attend together. The **Status** button allows you to make the session active or inactive. Finally, select the **User Types** you would like to attend the session.

After you click **Save**, you will return to the main training page. From here, you can **Edit**, create **Sessions**, or review the **Roster**. Note, you cannot **Delete** a training if someone is enrolled.

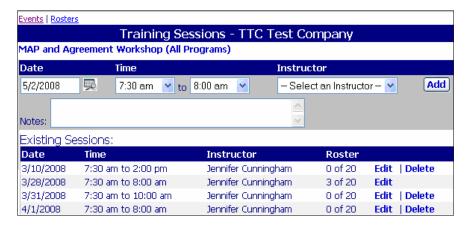
Please note: The availability of this feature depends on the program.

Training — Setting up a Session

The training feature also allows you to set up individual sessions. This is useful when scheduling one on one meetings with the participants, or multiple program dates for the same training.

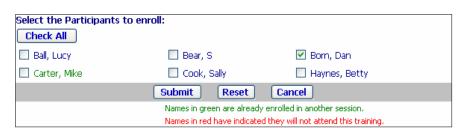


From the training page, click on **Sessions**.



Enter the relevant information for the individual session; including the date, time and instructor if appropriate. Add any notes if necessary, and click **Add** when complete. The session will appear in order down below.

From the main training page, click on **Roster** next to the corresponding session to see the response status of the participants. **Edit** the roster, to update participant attendance. Click **Submit** to update attendance list.



Please note: The availability of this feature depends on the program.

Note:

Click on **Email**next to the
corresponding
session to send out
a notification for
the training event
or session.

You can also send an email to those that have not registered to attend a session.

Training

The training feature allows you to enroll, or un-enroll, for upcoming trainings for the mentoring program.

Upcoming Training Events Coaching with Kathy (All Programs) Click Here to View schedule / Enroll MAP and Agreement Workshop (All Programs) Click Here to View schedule / Enroll

Rest your cursor over **Mentoring Tools**, and select **Training**. Here you will be able to view the available trainings for your program. Click directly on the title to view more information.



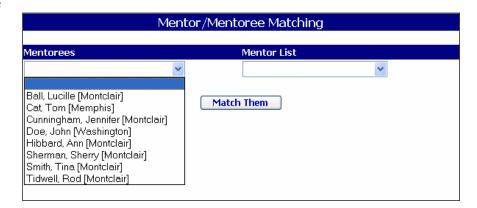
From this page, you can either **Enroll** or **Decline to Attend** the training. After you have enrolled for a session, you can go back to this same page and click **Un-Enroll** if you will no longer be attending the session. You can also add the event to your outlook calendar.



Please note: The availability of this feature depends on the program.

Matching

The Matching Page allows Program Coordinator(s) to directly match a partnership



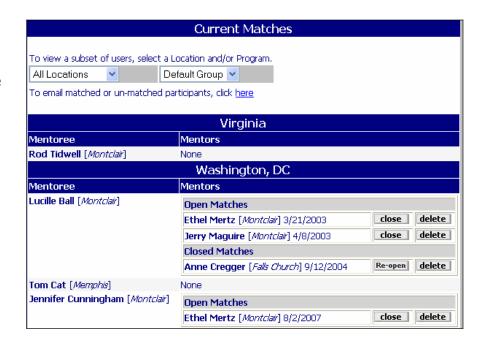
From the "Matching" drop down, click "Matching."

Select the **Mentoree** and the **Mentor** you wish to match together. Click **"Match Them."**

The page will then automatically reload, clear the dropdowns, and you can match the next pair.

Matches

The Matches page gives the Program Coordinator(s) a clean list of all of the matches made in the system.



From the "Matching" drop down, click "Matches."

To view a subset of the users, select a **Location** and/or **Program.**

Click **Close** to end a match. The match then moves below the list of "**Closed Matches.**" Click **Re-Open** to re-open the match and it will move positions again. If you **Delete** a match it disappears from the list and you must go back to "**Matching**" to re-match the participants. Closing instead of deleting a match is recommended for easy re-opening of the match and for your records.

This page also lists the mentorees that do not have mentors.

Reports

The Reports feature allows the Program Coordinator(s) to "View" the results of the Mid-Point and End of Program Evaluation. TMC tabulates the results of the evaluation in a confidential aggregate format. Typically, a TTC Consultant meets with the Program Coordinator(s) and provides a final report based on the results of the evaluation.

The Program
Coordinator(s) can
also **"View"**Application Forms
and the various
Evaluations Forms
through the Reports
feature.

Furthermore, the Program
Coordinator(s) may generate an Excel file from this page that will give them all of the information the participants enter in their Profile.

TMC Reporting				
Form Viewers				
Application	View selected Client Application Form for User type			
Mid Point Evaluation	View selected Client Mid-Point Evaluation Form for User type			
End-Point Evaluation	View selected Client End-Point Evaluation Form for User type			
Evaluation Results				
Mid-Point Evaluation	View selected Client Mid-Point Statistical Data and Written Comments			
End-Point Evaluation	View selected Client End of Program Statistical Data and Written Comments			
Other Reports				
Participant Applications	Report displays completed applications.			
Participant Data Summary	ary Listing of participants and their demographic information			
Matching Report	Select a program from the list to see the matching recommendations.			
Mentoring Action Plan Report	Select a program from the list to see the Action plan activities.			

From the "Reports" drop down, click "Reports."

Click the name of the form/report you would like to view. A new window will open, and you may be able to specify the location or group (will vary depending on program set-up and form/report you are trying to open).



Click on "Submit" and the form will load in Crystal Reports.

The **"Export"** button allows you to export the form/report to your computer. In the **"File Format"** dropdown, select Microsoft Word – Editable (RTF). Then click the **"Browse"** button to designate the folder you would like to save the form/report in. Click **"Ok"** to export the file, and **"Yes"** to open it.

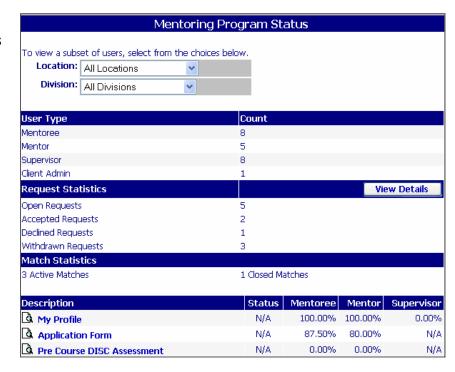
By clicking the **"Print"** Button, you can print the form/report directly from Crystal Reports.

Status

The Program
Coordinator(s) Status
feature provides the
Program
Coordinator(s) with a
"Report" of the
user's mentoring
progress and
participation. For
example, TMC will
report:

- 1. How many mentors and mentorees applied to the program?
- 2. How many people have requested a match or are matched.
- 3. Who has/has not started their profile, program application, mentoring action plan, mentoring agreement or program evaluations.

It also gives the Program
Coordinator(s) an opportunity to email messages to those who have not started (or completed) the required program steps.



From the "Reports" drop down, click "Status."

To **"View"** a subset of users select a location and/or division.

To generate a name list and status report click on the "**Description"** (i.e., My Profile). A separate window will appear with the list of participants.

Click **"View Details"** to view the matching request details for the selected participants.

Status — Sending the Message

This feature allows the Program Coordinator(s) to email messages to those who have not started (or completed) the required program steps.

TTC Test Company Status Details for:Washington and All Divisions and All Programs close					
	Mentor/Mentoree Matching Form				
Name	Phone	Match	Status		
Mentorees					
🐯 Ball, Lucy	703-551-073	4	Started		
👺 Bear, S	555-1212		Started		
Mentoree, Formal	703-123-456	7	Complete		
🎒 Milligan, Trisha	703-551-073	4	Not Started		
🕏 Sample, Joe	703-555-555	5	Not Started		
Mentors					
Anthony, John	703-499-427	7	Complete		
🦃 Dent, Cindy	202-287-163	5	Started		
🕏 Hibbard, Ann	703-245-2466	5	Started		
🕏 Kelly, Diane	202-484-596	7	Complete		
Email those who have not started. Go (does not include supervisors) Email those who have not Finished. Go (does not include supervisors) Email those who have finished. Go (does not include supervisors)					

(Example for Mentor/Mentoree Matching Form list generation)

When the list is generated, there are options at the bottom of the page to send a group message. Click **"Go"** to email the certain group you have selected.

After you click **"Go"** you get a final list of those who will receive the message. Click **"Continue"** and a message box will appear where you can type the message that will be sent to the selected participants. Click **"Send"** when you are finished.

Supervisor Match

The Supervisor Match feature allows Program Coordinator(s) to view a list of the mentoree's and their supervisor

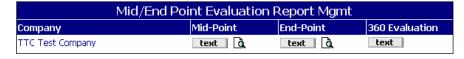
Supervisor Match Report		
Supervisor name (<i>username</i>)	Mentorees	
(636_635)	None Matched	
Kathy Drahosz (611_610)	None Matched	
Kathy Drahosz (614_613)	None Matched	
(641_640)	Jennifer Cunningham <i>(Active)</i>	
(647_646)	John Doe <i>(Active)</i>	
Bill Bonnstetter (625_624)	Sherry Sherman (Active)	
Anne Cregger (629_628)	Ann Hibbard <i>(Active)</i>	
Jennifer Cunningham (632_631)	Tina Smith <i>(Active)</i>	
Kathy Drahosz (627_626)	Rod Tidwell <i>(Active)</i>	
Kathy Drahosz (620_619)	Tom Cat <i>(Active)</i>	
Ricky Ricardo (618_617)	Lucille Ball <i>(Active)</i>	

From the "Reports" drop down, click "Supervisor Match."

Eval Answers

This new feature allows the Program Coordinator(s) to see participant responses to the Mid-Point, End of Program, and 360 evaluations. This is useful in allowing the Program Coordinator(s) to pin-point individuals who may be having trouble with their relationship but are hesitant to say anything or do not know what to do.

NOTE Keep in mind when reviewing this information we have promised the participants that the results from the evaluation will be kept confidential, so you will want to honor this promise by keeping insights gained from this report private.

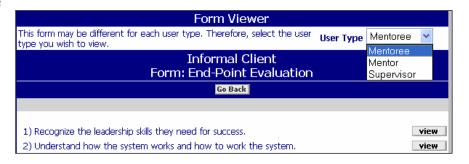


From the "Reports" drop down, click "Eval Answers."

The **"Text"** option will open a new page (as seen below) where you can narrow your results to a certain program, location, and/or division. Upon clicking **"View Report"** a screen will appear with the written comments that correspond to each question from the evaluation.



The "Magnifying Glass" option gives you the list of questions on the evaluation. Click "View" to the right of the question to see how individual participants responded to that particular question.



Form Answers

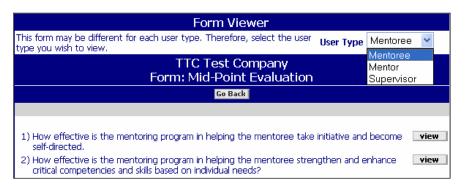
This new feature allows the Program Coordinator(s) to see participant responses to individual questions on the Application Form, Mid-Point Evaluation and End of Program Evaluation. This is another way for the **Program** Coordinator(s) to pin-point individuals who may be having trouble with their relationship but are hesitant to say anything or do not know what to do.

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Form	Description
Application Form	View Questions
Mid-Point Evaluation	View Questions
End of Program Evaluation	View Questions

From the "Reports" drop down, click "Form Answers."

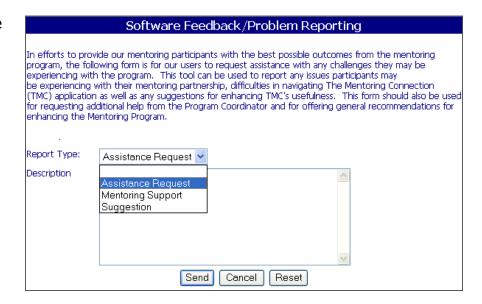
Click on "View Questions" next to the form you would like to review. You will then be taken to the Form Viewer page.



Click **"View"** to the right of the question to see how individual participants responded to that particular question.

Feedback

The Feedback function allows the Program Coordinator(s) to send feedback via email to **TMC**.



Click directly on "Feedback."

Select a **"Report Type"** from the drop-down.

Click "Send" when you are finished.

Logout

This function will log you out of The Mentoring Connection, bringing you back to the home page.



Click directly on "Logout."